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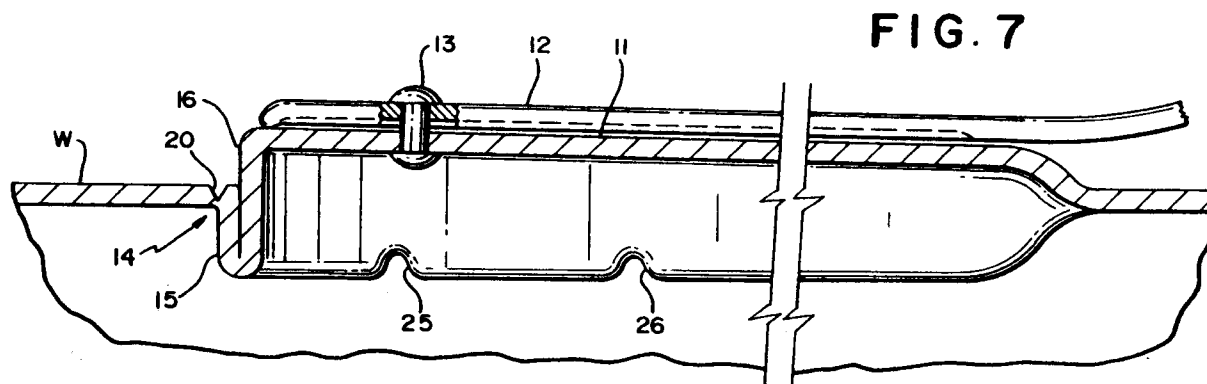
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**W-8000 München 22 (DE)**(54) **Captive tear tab with protective means for container opening.**

(57) A tear tab closure (11) for forming an opening in a container end wall, in which the tear tab remains external of the container and captive thereon when it is opened, and further wherein the tear tab is constructed so that there are no recesses for collecting foreign matter. The tear tab is separable from the container end wall (W) along a frangible score line (20) to form the opening, and a pull ring (12) is

attached to the tear tab to pull it back from the end wall to form the opening, with the tear tab remaining captive on the container. A vertical fold (14) is formed in the container end wall (W) adjacent the score line to provide a shield to protect the user from the severed edge of the tear tab after it is opened along the score line.

**FIG. 7****EP 0 514 734 A3**



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